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1. ADDITIONAL RATIONALE FOR THE PRESENT GERMAN

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POSITION ON NEGOTIATED INSPECTION PROMISED FOR THE

FEBRUARY 25 SPC MEETING (REF E) SHOULD GIVE SOME INSIGHT ON HOW WE CAN BEST PROCEED. (FYI: WE HAVE APPROACH TO GERMANS UNDER CONSIDERATION. YOU MAY DRAW ON GUIDANCE BELOW ON OTHER ISSUES. END FYI).

2. WE AGREE THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF A COSMETIC COMPROMISE ON VERIFICATION OF STABILIZING MEASURES. IF WHAT THE BELGIANS WANT IS SOME RECOGNITION IN THE SPC PAPER THAT WHATEVER INSPECTORATE MIGHT BE NEGOTIATED COULD BE TASKED TO OBSERVE COMPLIANCE WITH STABILIZING MEASURES (AS BEST IT CAN) WITHOUT DETRIMENT TO OBSERVING COMPLIANCE OF FORCE LEVELS, WE COULD AGREE. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF THE BELGIANS AND OTHER WANT TO PRESS FOR THE KIND OF INSPECTORATE THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO ACTUALLY MONITOR STABILIZING MEASURES, WE COULD NOT AGREE.

3. ON THE QUESTION OF THE OPENING ALLIED POSITION ON THE NATURE OF THE INSPECTORATE, WE CONTINUE TO PREFER THE U.S. APPROACH BECAUSE (1) FOR A GIVEN LEVEL OF EFFORT MOBILE TEAMS ARE MORE EFFECTIVE MILITARILY BECAUSE THEY COULD ALSO FUNCTION AS STATIC POSTS WHEN NECESSARY FOR BORDER OR CHOKEPOINT SURVEILLANCE AND (2) WE THINK IT WRONG TACTICALLY TO GIVE THE SOVIETS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEIZE ON STATIC POSTS WITHOUT MEETING THE ISSUE OF MOBILE TEAMS IN ISOLATION. SISCOE

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